

Forest Land-Gadchiroli

Diversion of 3.3698 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-363 and MDR-12 from Etapalli to Jarawandi Route (including VR-94 and VR-95 from SH-363 to Ekara (Bu), VR 98 from SH-363 to Karampalli and VR-106 from SH-363 to Punnur) in Etapalli Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR.180/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 05.07.2023**

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-427991/566/2023-24, dt.24.05.2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 3.3698 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-363 and MDR-12 from Etapalli to Jarawandi Route (including VR-94 and VR-95 from SH-363 to Ekara (Bu), VR 98 from SH-363 to Karampalli and VR-106 from SH-363 to Punnur) in Etapalli Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 3.3698 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of SH-363 and MDR-12 from Etapalli to Jarawandi Route (including VR-94 and VR-95 from SH-363 to Ekara (Bu), VR 98 from SH-363 to Karampalli and VR-106 from SH-363 to Punnur) in Etapalli Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Village	Comptt No.	Survey No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq.m)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1	Etapalli	SE 345	13	1394	0.5	697	0.0697	RF/PF
2	Ekara Bk	SE 375	126, 123, 198, 110,1	4030	0.5	2015	0.2015	RF/PF
		SE 374	126, 162	1448	0.5	724	0.0724	RF/PF
		SE 376	1, 162	3024	0.5	1512	0.1512	RF/PF
		SE 373	1	1684	0.5	842	0.0842	RF/PF

3	Todsa (S)	SE 372	40	1430	0.5	715	0.0715	RF/PF
4	Alenga M	SE 372	51	426	0.5	213	0.0213	RF/PF
		SE 371	25	1717	0.5	858.5	0.0859	RF/PF
		SE 370	51	334	0.5	167	0.0167	RF/PF
5	Karampalli	SE 268	20, 19, 3	3948	0.5	1974	0.1974	RF/PF
6	Block Forest	SE 258	-	960	0.5	480	0.0480	RF/PF
7	Maveli (M)	SE 234	27	1054	0.5	527	0.0527	RF/PF
		SE 233	38	2546	0.5	1273	0.1273	RF/PF
8	Dewada (M)	SE 235	6	1866	0.5	933	0.0933	RF/PF
		SE 238		1726	0.5	863	0.0863	RF/PF
9	Halewara	SE095	118	2104	0.5	1052	0.1052	RF/PF
		SE093, SE094, SE092	57, 12	2158	0.5	1079	0.1079	RF/PF
10	Petha (S)	SE090	9	1060	0.5	530	0.0530	RF/PF
11	Punnur (S)	NE085	82	1252	0.5	626	0.0626	RF/PF
		NE084	82,145	3498	0.5	1749	0.1749	RF/PF
		NE086	145	324	0.5	162	0.0162	RF/PF
12	Wenesar	NE081	28,10	3212	0.5	1606	0.1606	RF/PF
13	Chokhewada	NE065	7,52,55	3312	0.5	1656	0.1656	RF/PF
14	Magdandi	NE062	12,5	2102	0.5	1051	0.1051	RF/PF
15	Karka Kh	NE062	22	488	0.5	244	0.0244	RF/PF
16	Jaweli Bk	NE061	-	1170	0.5	585	0.0585	RF/PF
		NE050	-	448	0.5	224	0.0224	RF/PF
17	Ropi	NE049	32	3668	0.5	1834	0.1834	RF/PF
18	Kasurwahi	NE046	67	992	0.5	496	0.0496	RF/PF
		NE043	96	1545	0.5	772.5	0.0773	RF/PF
		NE040	23	1563	0.5	781.5	0.0782	RF/PF
19	Hanpayli	NE039, NE018	32	2662	0.5	1331	0.1331	RF/PF
		NE019	32	452	0.5	226	0.0226	RF/PF
20	Kandli	NE019	14,28,29,21,39,10	1542	0.5	771	0.0771	RF/PF
21	Jarawandi	NE020	21, 24	1270	0.5	635	0.0635	RF/PF
22	Manger (S)	NE013	1, 53, 16	1938	0.5	969	0.0969	RF/PF
23	Dindvi	NE005	130, 137	3049	0.5	1524.5	0.1525	RF/PF
			Total	67396			3.3698	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Chief Conservator of Forests shall ensure that the proposed land is not a part of Wildlife / Tiger Corridor, before granting working permission for the Project. Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 3) User Agency shall submit record of rights of the proposed forest land along with Stage-I compliance report.
- 4) Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure the legal status of the proposed land, before granting working permission for the Project.
- 5) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation.

As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.

- 6) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- 7) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 8) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 9) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 10) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 11) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 12) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 13) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 15) The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.
- 16) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 18) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned road authorities for the project.
- 19) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 20) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

- 21) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
 - 22) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
 - 23) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
 - 24) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
 - 25) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202307051827169419. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:-

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4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragad.
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